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# The Oxford County Citizen.

A. B. Herick 6-10-17

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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The theme of the discourse next Sunday will be, "The End of the Commandment."

Miss Margaret Herick will lead the Christian Endeavor service in the evening.

All second class Scouts invited to the parsonage next Monday evening.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Angela Clark, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Charles Crosby and Mrs. Vitella Small, both of Bethel, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage, Wednesday evening, Mar. 7.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

The Boy Scouts are planning a public meeting for Friday evening of next week.

Last Wednesday evening was marked by the last and the best of the excellent entertainment course given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of this church.

It is regretted that the course could not have been financially profitable, but the whole community is indebted to this society for the opportunity offered to see and hear talent of a very high order at a very low cost.

There has not been one weak number in the series, and the girls would, Sisters especially gave what many present called the "most enjoyable program given in Bethel for a dozen years."

The sermon topic for next Sunday is, "The Young Man's Christ." The members of the Boy Scouts and of the Y. M. C. A. are especially interested in this address.

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The Social Six will have their regular meeting this week, Saturday.

The Boys' Club will entertain at the home of the pastor, Tuesday afternoon of last week. A club is soon to be organized.

The subject of the morning sermon will be, "Sunshine in the Soul," next Sunday.

The subject of the evening meeting will be, "The Heroism of Jesus. Excerpts from the Gospels. How May We Have the Heroic Spirit?"

At the Universalist Chapel, Thursday, March 15.

There will be one of the slickest auctions you've ever seen.

There will be parcels of this, and parcels of that.

It may be a bonnet, it may be a hat; But something to eat, to use or to wear.

In the package you purchase you'll find to be there.

Come one and all and enjoy the fun, Don't wait till after the show's begun.

But be first at the Social to meet others you know,

For there the young and the old meet surely will go

To shake off dull care, and give life new zeal

As they share in the happiness that others feel.

### RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY ALDER RIVER GRANGE, NO. 145, ON THE DEATH OF BRO. ZENAS W. BARTLETT.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has removed from our Order, our worthy Brother, Zenas W. Bartlett, therefore be it

Resolved, That by his death Alder River Grange has lost a valuable member, and that we ever cherish the memory of our Brother.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the loss of our Brother, and miss his cheerful presence, and kindly words, yet realize that what is our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to his family in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That our Charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on our records, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the Oxford County Citizen for publication.

RUSSELL L. SWAN,  
L. C. BARTLETT,  
CEYLON M. KIMBALL,  
Com. on Resolutions.

### NOTICE

Beginning Monday, Mar. 19, it becomes necessary for me to advance prices on fancy shirts, collars and cuffs to the standard rate charged by handies.

DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY,  
B. C. Conroy, Prop.

## CORPORATION MEETING

Everything passed off very quietly at the Corporation meeting on Monday night.

There was a rumor of some opposition but none materialized and all the old officers were re-elected. Two articles were passed over, one relating to the discount that would be paid on taxes paid before a certain date and the other in regard to installing more street lights.

The matter of a fire alarm system was discussed and it was left for the assessors to investigate and report at the next annual meeting. Mr. Van announced that if the telephone office was notified of a fire each telephone line would be warned by one long ring.

It was voted to take over and assume the care of the Soldiers' Monument lot. \$50 was raised to improve Kimball park with the understanding that the abutters would raise a like amount.

### OFFICERS.

Moderator—F. B. Merrill.  
Clerk—F. E. Hanson.  
Assessors—D. G. Lovejoy, C. K. Fox, L. W. Ramsell.

Treasurer—L. L. Carver.  
Auditor—E. C. Park.

Park Com. for 3 years—Dr. J. G. Gehring.

Fire Engineers—W. C. Garry, H. C. Rowe, F. L. Edwards.

Collector—F. B. Hall.  
Rate—\$0.15 on a dollar.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Lighting Streets, \$1,150  
Fire Department, 400  
Hydrants, 900  
Sinking Fund for Fire Dept., 100  
Miscellaneous Expenses, 200  
Care of Parks, 150  
Police Pay, 25

The appropriations were \$169 less than last year.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst our late brother, Zenas W. Bartlett, and

Whereas, it is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be made, therefore be it

Resolved, by Oxford River Lodge, No. 51, K. of P., that while we lose with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn our brother who has been taken from us.

Resolved, that in the death of Zenas W. Bartlett this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to needy and distressed of the fraternity, an active member of the society whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity. A friend and companion who was dear to us all, a citizen, upright, noble and who was a standard for emulation to his fellows.

Resolved, that the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge be extended to his family in their affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our departed Brother and to the Oxford County Citizen.

JOHN F. MARTIN,  
HARRY E. DYER,  
FRED B. HOWE,  
Com. on Resolutions.

### NOTICE

At Mr. Upton's Music Room, Tuesday evening, April third, at eight o'clock, some of the young ladies of Bethel will appear in two short plays under the direction of Miss Neeson of Cincinnati.

### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

On Feb. 15, 1917, a brown and yellow colored dog, answers to the name of Towser. Owner's name on collar. Reward offered. Please notify ABNER B. KIMBALL.

Keats 3, Bethel, Me.  
C. H. P.

### GOVERNMENT SEEDS.

A letter from Senator Bert M. Prescott of Maine informs us that seeds designed for Maine, under the Government's free distribution plan, will be shipped from Washington about March 15. This will mean that the supply which the Senator has arranged for the Citizen to distribute among its readers ought to be available by the 20th of March.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

## BETHEL INN

### Happenings of the Week

Mr. Kelley Cole was an overnight guest at the Inn on Monday. Mr. Cole is the Portland representative of the Vacuum Oil Co.

Sleighing is still good and there is plenty of snow for snow-shoeing and skiing, but the weather has been such that the toboggan chute and skating have not been good the past week.

The many friends of Mr. Leon H. Ciley, Manager of Bethel Inn will be sorry to learn he was obliged to undergo a serious operation for mastoid in Boston the past week. He is not yet out of danger but we hope to hear favorable news soon.

Among those at the Inn the past week were: Orlando Libby, Portland; W. H. Sprague, Portland; C. A. Skinner, Portland; W. H. Drechsler, Boston; David F. Burns, Boston; F. H. Osgood, Portland; F. L. Harlow, Gorham, Me.; Meyer Seibling, Portland; R. B. Grant, Boston; P. E. Whitman, Clinton, Me.; L. E. Gibbs, Westfield, Mass.; W. H. Norton, Portland.

A party of young people had a straw-trail to Sparhawk Mountain on Monday afternoon. The weather was fair and the trip was much enjoyed. Most of the party carried snow-shoes and followed the trails over the mountain. Among those who made up the party were: Mr. W. J. Upton, "and Tim," Miss Margaret Allen, Miss Paton, Mrs. James, Miss Alice Eames, Mr. Smith and Mr. Irving Carver.

### ALPHABET SALE, MARCH 15.

The Ladies' Aid will hold an "Alphabet Sale," Thursday afternoon and evening, March 15, in the Methodist church. Supper European style will be served at six and refreshments of all sorts during the afternoon. Following are the articles to be found in each booth:

A has aprons of all shapes and sizes, and also will sell them at reasonable prices.

B has bags, baby's things, baskets and hats, buns, bread and butter, and plates of baked beans.

C has cushions, collars and corset covers; fine; cakes, cocoa and coffee served hot at half past five.

D's things are a queer combination though the finest in the land: doughnuts, and dolls dishes, and dish clothes made by hand.

E the next letter along the line has some embroidery that is fine.

F has fudge that is nice and sweet, with flowers, ferns and gold fish in a booth that is neat.

G has glass ware, the display is fine, each piece will cost you a nickel or a dime.

H has holders and handkerchiefs galore, boiled ham and herrings, one couldn't ask for more.

I has refreshments that is said to be sweet as a dream, and will serve none other than delicious home made ice cream.

J has good jelly, most every kind, while.

K has kimonos, one to suit you surely will find.

L serves a cool, sweet temperance drink, what it is I'll leave you to think.

M has sheet music and

N yankers notions that are neither all by nor query, has lollies and treats, thread, pins and thumbtacks, with prices that are not very dear.

O represents oranges and Matamoras. Van Hoegia oranges, she'll tell you, your troubles the past and the present, also the future beside.

P has pretty all flaky and fragrant with spices, pineapples and pictures that are very nice.

Q has quilts for the baby and quilts that are crazy and not very many at that, while.

R has rumpers and a couple of rags that will do for the house or your camp.

S has soap, socks and clippers, and to make the scheme complete serves a variety of sandwiches and other things good to eat.

T serves hot tea and has some things beautiful, while.

U has a few things that are really new.

V has a victrola and on it we'll play to make the time more pleasant and pass cheerfully away.

W, X, Y and Z will hold an exhibit of ancient things, novelties and old china, pictures, etc.

## 78th MAINE

### LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent  
Writes of the Past  
Week's Work

The high lights of the 10th week of the 78th Maine Legislature were the passage of Sen. Holt's resolve for universal military training in Maine with the patriotic fervor engendered in the debate incident thereto; refusal by the Senate with vigorous support and opposition, and tabling in the House of the repeal of the act in relation to the tax on railroads, telegraphs and express; the two day's hearings on the Dutton bill for a Maine water power commission, the final passage of Lewiston police commission bill, and the introduction of several new bills of considerable importance.

The Senate on Wednesday morning, with numerous eloquent speeches in favor and not a voice raised in opposition adopted the report by the committee on military affairs, "ought to pass" on the resolution providing for military training. The House held up its end nobly by also granting unanimous passage to the resolution on Thursday. Among the inspiring addresses which the resolution called forth were those by Senators Gilpin, Butler of Knox, Wood and Davies, and Representatives Berry, Sisson, Robinson, Brewster and Larrabee.

An enthusiastic senator remarked, "Some different from the recent patriotic action in the United States Senate."

The big hearing of the week was on the bill introduced by Rep. Clarence Dutton of Bingham for a commission to take over and administer the water powers of Maine. The commission would be constituted by three men, one appointed for three years, one for five years and one for seven years, all appointments thereafter to be for seven years. The chairman would receive an annual salary of \$5,000, and each other member \$4,000. A clerk would receive \$2,500, and an assistant would receive \$1,500. Besides these would be a corps of expert engineers and such other employees as might be needed. This it will be noted, closely follows the make-up of the public utilities commission. The commission would have the power to seize or expropriate by its own recommendation, upon authority given by the governor and council, any water powers, plants or sites deemed an advantage for the people of Maine. The proponents of the measure secured the services of F. B. Yates of Ontario to explain the workings of a commission in that province similar to the commission proposed by the Dutton bill. He followed a prepared speech as given out to the newspapers by Percival Baxter, sponsor for the Baxter bill of similar intent, but at the close of his address he was subjected to such discordant cross-examination that he finally stated, "It's all a game of politics, anyway." The opponents of the bill put their innings on Thursday and placed evidence before the committee tending to prove the unconstitutionality of such a law. The Baxter bill which is virtually a return to the old water storage commission taken over by the public utilities commission is scheduled for hearing this week.

Another hearing resulted in a hot not's nest when the banks and bank committee took up Bank Commissioner Irving Vernon's bill providing that "it is unlawful for any newspaper, periodical or magazine published in any city or town in this state to publish, print or reproduce any advertisement wherein there shall be of force for sale, directly or indirectly, partnership or corporation placing any advertisement shall be a registered dealer, under penalty of \$50 for each insertion or advertisement to be recovered upon complaint." The newspaper men of Maine rallied against the bill, so impressing it as a kind word—Mr. Vernon that he immediately offered an amendment, allowing the publishers to publish the advertisement once a time, when upon notice by the banking department the ad would be withdrawn.

The hearing before the committee on education on the bill providing for the distribution of the public school fund of the state on the basis of the aggregate attendance of the pupils in the public schools in the cities and towns was held on Thursday. The bill was introduced by Rep. H. H. Mitchell in the interests of the City Clubs. Resolutions on the death of Brother George Abbott were presented by H. D. Smith, chairman of committee on resolutions; approved, a copy to be published. Clarence Buck was appointed leader of 155 Boys' Club.

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## GRANGE NEWS

### BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange met on the evening of March 8 for its regular meeting. Owing to the stormy evening the attendance was small, although the officers were all there with the exception of the Chaplain, Secretary and Flora. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a small class. It was decided to hold an all day session for our next meeting, March 23, and issue invitations to Pleasant Valley, Alder River, Round Mountain and Bear River Granges. The program for the same is in the hands of Pauline Mason, Ella Lyon, Eva Haggood and Clara Grover. Owing to the very late hour the program was quite short as follows:

Opening Song.  
Roll Call.  
Recitation.  
Hymn.  
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Then the feast prepared by the Graces was announced. It consisted of baked beans, brown bread, pickles, white bread and butter, custard, apple and mince pies, hot coffee. It was a very jolly company that gathered around the bountiful spread.

### CANTON GRANGE.

A good meeting of Canton Grange was held Saturday with a good attendance and several visitors present. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of candidates in the forenoon. Mrs. Martha J. Childs was elected secretary in place of Mrs. Ella Wright, who has resigned. She was installed by O. M. Richardson, assisted by L. A. S. Miss Ruth Johnson. The first number on the program was "The Grange of America" by all. Topic: "Good Roads: How Best to Secure Them," opened by C. F. Tripp and discussed by O. M. Richardson, Mrs. A. H. Adams, C. T. Bonney, F. E. Atkins, John Briggs and A. H. Adams; recitation, Miss Ruth Johnson; music by choir; half hour with the Boys' Sweet Corn Club, an outline of the work of the Club and reports of the Portland and Orono meetings being given by Corn Club members, Arthur Tucker, Donald Adams, John Tripp and Rodney McCollister, which was very interesting in all papers. "Maine History," by Miss Florence G. Childs, read by Mrs. Martha J. Childs; an interesting talk on the early history of Maine by O. M. Richardson was much enjoyed; reading, C. T. Bonney; vocal solo, John K. Farhan, who responded to an encore.

### NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange met Saturday, Mar. 10. Meeting opened by Worthy Master W. W. Richardson at 10:15 A. M. All officers present. Opening exercises included a song by the Grange chorus, followed by routine work. Seven candidates were balloted on and admitted to membership. The first and second degrees were then conferred on a large class. Dinner was next in order. Meeting called to order at 1:15 P. M. The contest program presented by the captains, Jackson and Abbott, was exceedingly interesting and showed much thought in the preparation of the features presented, which follows:

Song in costume, Irish melody, encore. Masquerades, headed by Sir Walter Scott and Queen Elizabeth who danced the Willow dance, twenty in all, encore.

Echo Tableau, Colonial Couple. Original paper, O. W. Richardson illustrated song, "Mother MacCre, encore, "Mother MacCre's Daughter."

Courtslip of Miles Standish, with five tableaux, Adelaide Young, reader. Song, "Take Me Back to Old Virginia," encore.

Week of the Hesperus, illustrated. Reader, Mrs. Foster Jackson. Paper, "Waste Basket"—Eli. Paper, "Seeking a Marriage License," June Time and Rose Time, song, illustrated, encore.

Scarf Drill, Three young ladies, M. Emma Packard, director. Every number was keenly appreciated by the audience, which included visitors from several Sister Granges. Business was again resumed. W. H. Buck made a preliminary report in regard to the Sweet Corn Club. Communication from Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., in regard to the Seed Oats also communication from R. H. Mitchell in the interests of the City Clubs.

Resolutions on the death of Brother George Abbott were presented by H. D. Smith, chairman of committee on resolutions; approved, a copy to be published. Clarence Buck was appointed leader of 155 Boys' Club.

## WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 5,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

### NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

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Laces, Polishes, Whitening, Etc.  
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Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of  
MRS. J. C. BILLYNOS,  
Bethel, Maine.  
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### RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.  
CITIZEN OFFICE.

### FOR SALE.

Pair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gear, and hay rack, all in good condition.  
P. M. BARKER,  
Bethel, Maine.  
3-8-17.

### TATTOOING.

Made very neatly and at a reasonable price.  
WEETATE CLUB,  
Inquire of Mrs. Thomas Browne.  
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## SHOES

A fine line of men's heavy shoes for spring.

Heavy calked river driver shoes.

All kinds of foot wear for the whole family.

Shoe and rubber repairing of all kinds. All work guaranteed.

All orders and repair work sent post paid.

YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.

Phone 14-4.

Corn Club. Remarks for good of the order by F. S. G. Abbott and H. D. Smith.

The next meeting will be held on March 24, to open at 10:30 A. M. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred, followed by a harvest dinner. Dinner committee beginning with the letter, T, U, W, Y, A, B, C. Sister Hattie Brown chairman. Contest program presented in the afternoon.

There is much helpful work being done and practical illustrations being made by the county agents and others of the College Extension and there is so time like the present to get ideas that will help in planning the year's work on the farm, and giving help to others.

Topic, "What crops will be the most profitable to plant or sow this coming season and what new methods are you going to adopt in carrying on your work?"

Oxford Farmers meet with Oxford Grange, Oxford, Tuesday, April 3.



## The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

### DRESS.

Frances M. Whitecomb, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, in Farmers' Week Course.

Clothes are primarily for protection from cold, secondarily for a covering for modesty and for decoration. The main requirements for undergarments are that they shall be of a material that is easily laundered, a non-conductor of heat, and one that has power to absorb moisture and give it up easily. The garments should be loose, to allow free movement of the body at all times. They should also be light in weight to avoid being a drag on the body.

Of the different textiles cotton seems the best suited and the least expensive for undergarments. It is easily laundered, wears well, and with an open mesh it is a non-conductor of heat.

The main requirements for outer garments is warmth. A close weave is better for a windy day. Two thicknesses are better than one, for the layer of air between helps to keep the body warm. The lining of a coat illustrates this.

Another requirement for our outer garments is a design for the costume that is suited to our personal needs. Garments speak for or against us, they make us feel uncomfortable or ill at ease. If appropriately and becomingly dressed, we gain poise. Our garments should be subordinate to us, as individuals, they should bring out our good points. To produce this effect we should study lines and color and their relation to costume.

In general, vertical lines tend to lengthen the figure, and decrease the width; horizontal lines to decrease the height and increase the width. To emphasize height attention should not be called to the outlines of the figure, rather to long lines through the central part of the figure. To broaden a figure, the outer edges of sleeves, skirt and shoulders should be emphasized. A short skirt decreases height, whereas a train adds height to the figure.

Lines of trimmings, rows or buttons and seams should not run in various directions without regard for other lines. Spaces between should be orderly and pleasing. Spotty effects by great contrasts of color, by large designs or broad stripes should be avoided. They have a tendency to increase size.

Quiet color is an evidence of good taste in dress. The color should not detract from the wearer's charm. A person with sallow complexion should avoid colors that would emphasize this quality—as bright reds, greens, yellows and purples. A person with a very colorless complexion and light hair should avoid dark colors next her skin. The contrast is too great. She should also avoid bright colors. The grayed colors nearer the value of her complexion would be very good. The color of the eyes may be deepened by wearing a costume of similar color. Colors have different qualities. Red is irritating, adds size, should be used cautiously in its most intense tone. The light values as pinks, may be worn by many.

Orange is similar to red. It must be used with care. In small amounts it adds brilliancy. Browns, mixtures of orange, can be used more freely.

## Fertilize Your Land

New England Animal Fertilizers are made of BONE, BLOOD and MEAT—natural plant foods and the nearest approach to farmyard manure. They return to the soil what it needs and keep it rich and productive. They grow large and profitable crops.

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NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER CO., Boston, Mass.

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## NEW ENGLAND ANIMAL FERTILIZERS

Yellow is a light color, it increases size. It may be used in touches to liven a costume. Green in its grayed tones is very restful. It has a receding quality which makes the figure appear smaller. Dark blue is a good agreeable color—well adapted for business garments. It decreases size. Light blue is good for people with blue eyes—it increases their intensity. Grayed blues are the most interesting and becoming. Violet in its subdued tones is a color full of interest. Toward the purple it is rich in tone, but a hard color for most people to wear.

Fashion should not be our ideal. We must conform to a certain extent to it, in regard to size of sleeves, width and length of skirts. The lines and color of the costume, however, we should select according to our good. Appropriateness and suitability to the occasion should govern our choice. Pretty dresses and jewelry are not for places of business.

Last but not least, we must think of our pocketbook and ask ourselves these questions: "Do I need another garment?" "What type of dress will be best suited to the demands in my situation?" "How much money can I spend on such a dress?"

### INFLUENCE.

Influence is a power we exert over others by our thought, words and actions. We all of us at times lose sight of this principle, and apparently act on the assumption that what we do or think or say can affect no one but ourselves. But we are so connected with the immortal beings around us that we cannot avoid exerting a most important influence over their character and final condition. Since we all have a personal influence and our words and actions leave a well high indelible trace, it is our duty to make that influence as potential for good as possible. In order to do this you must show yourself a woman among all. How great a beauty and blessing it is to hold the royal gift of the soul, so that they shall be made to some and fragrance to others and life to all! Some women cling to their homes like the honey-suckle over the door, yet, like it, sweeten all the region with the subtle fragrance of their goodness.

Oh, it is terrible the power that we have; the power of influence. No thought to us is more rife with a solemn grandeur of interest than that which relates to the influence we are silently exerting upon our fellow creature. We read that not in the earthquake that shook the mountain pillars, nor the whirlwind that rent the forest was the sound; but in the "still, small voice," which, like the whisper of love, breathes into the heart what

the loud voice cannot.

Is it worth while, because you feel out of sorts, to pull a long face, to be disagreeable and cross to every one you meet and so make them unhappy? A cheerful smile, a kind word will not only make your friends and neighbors lighter hearted, but will help to cheer you also. A cheerful countenance is a duty we owe to our neighbors and how much more is it necessary in the home! Our friends can get out of our way if we are not good companions, but our family cannot. They are helpless victims, shut up in the same house with us. For the sake of the children, for the sake of the elders, for the sake of all humanity, let us cultivate a pleasant smile, a hearty laugh, and a habit of cheerfulness.

### MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., CONCORD, MASS., INCORP.

FORBIDDEN MARCH 3, 1916.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$20,180.32
Mortgage Loans,	27,623.09
Stocks and Bonds,	49,943.84
Cash in Office and Bank,	4,062.32
Agents' Balances,	18,880.07
Interest and Rents Accrued,	5,706.04
All other Assets,	10,280.63

Gross Assets,	\$146,680.31
Deduct items not admitted,	18,318.32

Admitted Assets,	\$128,361.99
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	\$128,361.99
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Net Unpaid Losses,	\$3,977.07
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Unearned Premiums,	\$17,559.29
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All other Liabilities,	4,825.63
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Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$22,339.91
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Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$128,361.99
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The unearned part of the premium is returned to the policyholder at expiration. For over 40 years, not less than 25 per cent has been returned on one year policies, 40 per cent on three year policies, and 60 per cent on five-year policies.

C. L. S. J. F.

### GREAT BARNER CASUALTY CO.,

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$176,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	850,250.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	100,091.37
Agents' Balances,	139,003.54
Interest Accrued,	15,142.13

Gross Assets,	\$1,261,487.00
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Admitted Assets,	\$1,261,487.00
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	\$1,261,487.00
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Net Unpaid Losses,	\$139,538.62
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Unearned Premiums,	\$21,455.99
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All other Liabilities,	\$5,488.39
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Cash Capital,	\$50,000.00
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Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$26,078.90
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Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$1,261,487.00
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### EAST BETHEL.

Mr. B. J. Russell of Haverhill is working for Mr. Porter Farwell.

Mr. Chas. G. Kimball of Bethel was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Howe.

Mr. Edgar Swan and friend, Edward Shepherd of Providence, R. I., were last week's guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan.

Miss Elsie Bartlett has returned from several weeks visit with relatives in Lowell and Cambridge, Mass., also in Bethel.

Miss Hayes, a trained nurse from Portland, is spending several weeks vacation with Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett and family.

Miss Hazel M. Barbers is spending a part of her school vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball.

Mr. George Blake has returned home to Maine, Mass. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett, for a two weeks' vacation.

Porter Farwell & Son are loading a car of wood to be shipped to Berlin, N. H. All the wood is inspected on account of the moth.

## CANTON

Mrs. J. R. Austin and daughter, Miss Emma Keene, of Mexico have been guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes.

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell has returned home from an extended stay in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Ireland are visiting in Phillips.

At the meeting of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening, the degree was conferred on one candidate and refreshments served.

The children of D. L. Barker are all ill with the grip.

Osmer Doty and family have returned from Boston, where they have been spending the winter, to their home in Gilbertville.

Arthur A. Gilman is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bardell Wright have been visiting in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knapp of Byron are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mrs. Lucy Nasson and Mrs. Marie Nasson of Livermore Falls and Mrs. Marjorie Pierce of Gardiner have been guests of Mrs. C. P. Oldham and family.

Herschel York, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. York, is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Clara M. Barrows has been assisting in the care of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Partridge, who is some better.

Dana Yates and family have moved from Lake street to the house they formerly occupied on High street.

Mrs. Harriet F. Reynolds is very ill and a consultation of physicians has been held. Her son, W. A. Reynolds, is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Fred A. Parsons, who passed away at Mexico, Wednesday morning, was a former resident of Canton and Hartford, where she had many friends.

She had been in frail health for many years. She was born in Hartford, the daughter of Joseph S. Mendall and Emily Lucas Mendall. A brother, Charles A. Mendall, passed away in Melrose, Mass., only a few weeks ago.

She is survived by her husband, son, daughter, Mrs. Frank Proctor of Hartford, and several grandchildren, two of whom, Alice and Fred Bennett, have always made their home with their grandparents. The funeral was held at Mexico, Friday, and the remains taken to Mechanic Falls for interment, Saturday. Among those who attended the funeral from this vicinity were: Wm. F. Mitchell, Mrs. Leora M. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr., Mr. Wm. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parsons and Caleb E. Mendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Howes of Mechanic Falls have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Richardson and family.

Mrs. Frederick Schaffer of Naugatuck, Conn., has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank W. Morse. Her mother, Mrs. L. B. Spaulding, returned with her for a visit.

Mrs. Harriet Reynolds is very low at this writing.

Rev. J. J. Hull occupied the pulpit of the United Baptist church, Sunday at both services very acceptably. In the evening a quartet composed of Clyde Dickson, Theon Woodward, Geo. Gerry and Arthur Westgate sang "Travelling Home," "Wonderful Peace," and "Rock of Ages," in an impressive manner.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist church meets Thursday at the G. A. R. Hall.

At the G. A. R. Hall, Saturday evening Miss L. B. Treadwell gave a banquet and organized her Sabbath school class. Charles Bartlett was elected President. Harold Bradford, Vice President; Katherine Hollis, Secretary; and Charles Hollis, Treasurer. Committees were also appointed. Rev. J. J. Hull and Miss Treadwell gave a helpful talk to the young people.

Fred Tripp left Saturday for a few days visit with his people at Gray.

## Saves Boy From Worms

Mrs. Jennie Bowen of Meredith, N. H., writes this kind of letter: "You have helped my little boy. His would have been in his grave before long."

Some symptoms of worms are: Do sagged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of cheeks that, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the feet, grinding of the teeth, little red spots sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

If you have the least suspicion that your child is troubled with stomach worms or pinworms, put him on the road to good health by using Dr. True's Blix, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller. This remedy has been on the market for over 50 years. No better medicine made for young or old. At all druggists. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Write for information.

Auburn, Maine.

Dr. J. F. True

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The greatest Throat and Lung remedy. Works like oil on machinery quickly and surely. No opiates or alcohol, pleasant to take. Guaranteed and sold by all dealers in medicines, 25c and 50c bottles.

### THE AUTOMOBILE INS. CO., OF

HARTFORD, CONN.

650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$145,100.00
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Collateral Loans,	306,750.00
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Bonds,	1,303,980.00
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Cash in Office and Bank,	525,007.04
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Agents' Balances,	285,097.01
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Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts,	2,027.09
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Interest and Rents,	23,942.10
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All other Assets,	6,220.33
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Gross Assets,	\$2,778,029.57
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Deduct items not admitted,	29,197.38
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Admitted Assets,	\$2,748,832.19
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	\$2,748,832.19
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Net Unpaid Losses,	\$150,500.90
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Unearned Premiums,	770,008.71
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All other Liabilities,	\$2,504.14
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Cash Capital,	1,500,000.00
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Surplus over all Liabilities,	708,824.38
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Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$2,748,832.19
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plus, Arthur L. Orne, Rockland.

The Talbot Ins. Agency, Camden.

### THE AETNA ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY COMPANY,

650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$1,589,050.00
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Collateral Loans,	767,011.83
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Stocks and Bonds,	3,023,758.34
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Cash in Office and Bank,	1,683,851.66
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Agents' Balances,	708,496.28
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Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts,	20,026.30
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Interest and Rents,	77,768.79
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All other Assets,	69,651.82
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Gross Assets,	\$7,910,718.52
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Deduct items not admitted,	125,401.39
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Admitted Assets,	\$7,785,317.13
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	\$7,785,317.13
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Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 883,139.83
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Unearned Premiums,	2,136,982.07
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All other Liabilities,	429,322.61
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Cash Capital,	1,900,000.00
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Surplus over all Liabilities,	3,297,004.59
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Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$7,785,317.13
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plus, Merrill & Hastings, Fryeburg.

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### AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Accident and Liability Department, 650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$ 9,618.81
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Mortgage Loans,	2,771,870.00
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Collateral Loans,	15,480.00
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Stocks and Bonds,	5,065,007.50
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Cash in Office and Bank,	2,828,068.68
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Agents' Balances,	1,540,132.63
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Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts,	18,028.50
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RUMFORD

Joseph Vallee has gone to Canada, called there by the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenman are in New York City for a ten days' trip.

Joseph Gagnon has completed his duties as janitor at the State House in Augusta, and has returned to Rumford.

Mrs. Beatrice Dyer is clerking in the store of C. J. Leary.

A St. Patrick's Day concert will be held under the auspices of St. Athanasius Church.

Mr. Joseph Bolanger has purchased and is to occupy the Fredland J. Morrison bungalow on Crescent avenue, Virginia District.

Miss Laura McMenamin, who has been spending the past two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McMenamin at Frederickton, N. B., has returned to town and resumed her duties at the Rumford garage this week.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Virginia District will hold a food sale in Gauthier and Voter's store on March 16th at 2:30 P. M.

The high school has entered the Colby Interscholastic Debating Contest, and the following team has been picked to debate at Colby College on April 20th: Merle Niles, Stanley Powell, William Leader. They will uphold the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, that the United States shall endorse the principle advocated by the League to Enforce Peace."

This Colby Debating Contest which is open to students of the high schools and academies of Maine, offers this inducement: one hundred dollars, given in memory of Hon. Forrest Goodwin of Skowhegan, is awarded to the winning team.

The debate of Stephens high school of Rumford against the strong Hebron team will take place at the high school assembly hall on the evening of March 16th on the question: Resolved, that the United States should own and operate the railroads. Stephens high will defend the affirmative, and has a reputation in debating throughout the state which is going to be given to the best of the school's ability, while Hebron has a powerful team.

The judges will be Prof. J. Murray Carroll, Bates College; Prof. Austin H. McGormick, Bowdoin College; Principal George D. Church, Abbott School, Farmington.

Miss Jennie Norman, who has been employed as clerk and buyer for the C. H. McKenzie Company for several years, has completed her duties with that firm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glover have moved to Portland.

Horace Hanson of Andover is visiting at the home of his son, Herman Hanson.

Charles Alameda of Massachusetts is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thomas at Houghton.

Alec McDonald of Massachusetts is visiting his brother, Rodney McDonald and family of Hancock street.

Miss Mabel Kerr has completed her duties in the office of Dr. E. A. Sheehy.

Frank Taylor, proprietor of the cigar and tobacco store under Hotel Rumford, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of third assessor at the annual meeting of the Rumford Village Corporation.

The artists of the Chapman concert to be given in New Municipal Hall on Thursday evening of this week are: Miss Nina Morgana, soprano; Miss Emma Williams, violinist; Mr. Martin Richardson, tenor. This is given under the auspices of Mechanics Institute.

The program for the fashion show to be given by Levin, Senter Company on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week is: Live models direct from New York, five acts of moving picture, fashion show act by seven New York girls, fashion display on live models. There will be a large orchestra.

Mrs. Maurice Reynolds of Boston is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Atwood of Prospect avenue, Virginia District.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jocelyn of Portland are the guests of Mrs. Jocelyn's parents, Hon. and Mrs. Geo. D. Babson of Franklin street.

Miss Jennie Norman, who has been employed by the C. H. McKenzie Company for several years past, has accepted a position as clerk with the E. K. Day Company.

Mr. Carleton Dennis has rented the Robley Harrison bungalow on Crescent avenue.

UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

Time is the test of truth. And Don's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Bethel. No Bethel resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

Frank Heath, stationary engineer, R. P. D. No. 2, Bethel, says: "For several years I suffered from kidney trouble. I had sharp shooting pains through the small of my back and had headaches and dizzy spells. I felt tired all the time and on getting up in the morning was stiff and sore. On the advice of a friend, I began using Don's Kidney Pills. After two boxes, I noticed a great improvement in my health. The pains through the small of my back disappeared and the dizzy spells let up." (Statement given May 2, 1915.)

On June 8, 1916, Mr. Heath said: "I have had no need of a kidney medicine since using Don's Kidney Pills. I have a great deal of confidence in this medicine to this date."

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Mr. William Clough and family having moved into their newly purchased residence on Prospect avenue. Mr. Dennis' marriage to Miss Marie Lovejoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lovejoy of Franklin street, takes place about Easter time.

The Rumford Inn at the corner of Hartford and Canal streets is nearly demolished, and the purchaser is congratulating himself, as the old building contains a large amount of good spruce lumber, which is certainly worth something in this day of high prices.

WEST BETHEL

The Northwest Bethel school league with their parents gave an entertainment at the Pleasant Valley Grange Hall, Saturday evening for the benefit of the Grange. There was a good attendance and a nice sum of money realized.

Monday fourteen men gathered at the home of W. A. Farwell and cut, hauled, sawed and fitted wood, as Mr. Farwell has been in poor health all winter.

Mrs. Hugh Thurston entertained her sister from Portland from Saturday until Monday evening.

Mrs. C. McNeil is at Bryant's Pond caring for the sick.

Herbert Mason from Bridgewater, Mass., was in this place Thursday to see his aunt, Octavia Grover, who is in ill health. Mrs. Lucy Channing from Mason is staying with her now.

Mrs. Alden Mason, Jr., has been visiting friends at Lancaster, N. H.

School closed Friday, taught by Miss Jennie Bean.

The six scholars from this place are having a recess of a week from their studies at Gould's Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Scribner are in Auburn, Me., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown.

Mrs. Ella Wright and E. Briggs were here recently to see E. R. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen from Bethel village were at L. E. Allen's Sunday.

Miss Margery Jordan from Bryant's Pond is visiting at Mr. McNeil's.

Mrs. Maude O'Reilly will go to Portland and Boston the last of the week.

SUNDAY RIVER

Miss Marjorie Allen of Bethel is visiting at C. A. Baker's.

Robert Flier is at the sick list.

Miss Mary Gorman is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gorman.

Quite a number attended the dance at Newry Center, Saturday night.

Henry Leonard was in this place Sunday.

Frank Chapman's baby had the misfortune of hurting his arm quite badly one day recently.

Mrs. Chas. Hean is in Rumford, caring for Mrs. Jean Stone.

Mrs. Geo. Spence, who is staying at H. M. Randall's, spent a few days with Mrs. Fred Muntz on Grover Hill, recently.

Howard Bailey is helping Joe Spence.

Anson Kendall is working in Bryant's mill.

ANDOVER

Ray Thurston has finished his lumbering operations at Aziscoos and returned to Andover with his teams.

Mina Stevens is visiting friends in Dover, N. H.

Mrs. French, who has spent several weeks at Glenella, returned last week to her home in Boston, much improved in health.

Love Mt. Grange will have a Charter Members' Day, Saturday, March 17. The chairs will be filled by the following charter members: John Talbot, Master; C. E. Cushman, Overseer; Mrs. G. W. Abbott, Lecturer; L. N. Hall, Secretary; Geo. W. Abbott, Treasurer; John Bailey, Chaplain; W. Perkins, Steward; Oscar Damon, Assistant Steward; Mrs. John Bailey, Correspondent; Mrs. C. E. Cushman, Pomona; Mrs. Wallace Richards, Flora; Mrs. Oscar Damon, L. A. Steward; Wallace Richards, Gate Keeper.

Clarence Hall, wife and daughter, Helen, were guests of W. N. Akers and family, Sunday.

Will Harris is cutting wood on the Emerson farm for Ray Thurston.

The King's Daughters meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Willard Newhall.

Roger Thurston and Frank Keith are attending Supreme Court at St. Paris this week.

Horace Hanson has been visiting his son, Herman Hanson, at Rumford.

Corporal Harry W. Laite of the 60th Battalion from Canada, serving with the allies in France and Belgium, just returned from the trenches, gave a very interesting lecture at the Congregational church, Thursday evening, March 8. Although the evening was stormy a large audience was present and listened with wrapt attention.

A brother, Rev. W. W. Laite, from Rumford Center was present. Mr. Laite sang some fine songs before the lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Akers are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Robert Preston, Thursday, Mar. 8.

Ellie Akers has been ill with the grip.

The Ancient and Honorable White Club was entertained Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ripley at their home on Main street. Mrs. Clayton Sweet and Owen Lovejoy won the first prizes.

Mr. Frank Moore, who has been a guest at Glenella, returned last week to his home in Portland.

The young people played their drama at Hanover, Wednesday evening of last week.

Walter Hanson, who underwent an operation at McCarthy's Hospital, recently visited at his son's, Irving Hanson and family this week, before returning to his home in Peru.

Mr. B. L. Akers, who has been in 411 Water and Oldtown through the winter, is visiting George Wakefield and family at Pittsburg, Pa.

Harry Lowe broke his leg last week while working in the woods for Stephen Marston. Dr. McCarthy and Dr. Leslie were called.

Herbert Campbell has finished press hay and is sawing wood for parties in the village.

The P. R. K. of P. gave a drama and dance in the hall Wednesday evening, March 14. Dancing was enjoyed after the play.

Irving Akers is hauling wood to people at the village.

Mrs. M. A. Howard is caring for her daughter, Mrs. Guy Akers.

Rena Leonard has been ill with a severe cold.

The Juvenile Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Herbert Campbell has been suffering with a bad cold.

EAST PERU

Harvey Ollman, assistant baggage master at Rumford, was at home over Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Howard entertained the Seaside Sewing Circle last Tuesday afternoon.

Kidder Bros. have finished their logging job on the Ollman and Irish lots.

W. S. Haines and E. E. Cox were at Dickvale one day recently.

C. E. Luce has been spending a few days at Lewiston.

A son was born to the wife of Walter Cunningham, March 8.

Quite a number from this place attended the high school exhibition at Cateen Opera House last Tuesday evening.

Doris Russell has returned from Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Abbott entertained a party of neighbors and friends at their home last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leland Andrews and two children are stopping with Mrs. J. E. Irish.

Miss Lavina D. Irish has returned to her work at Providence, R. I.

B. D. Packard is handling pulp wood to Walker's siding in Canton. Mr. Packard has a nice stock of early spring lumber.

WEST PARIS

Anson Franklin Williams, who died Wednesday evening, March 7, was born in Bath, Me., March 9, 1841. He was educated in the common schools of his native city. At the age of 15 he entered upon the experience of a sailor accompanying his father, who was a sea captain engaged in coastwise trade between Bath and Boston. In December, 1859, they started for Boston in a small schooner laden with lumber. When off the Isles of Shoals at night the vessel sprung a leak filling so badly as to prevent managing its course. They drifted past Cape Cod and on the seventh day were rescued by a ship bound for New Orleans. The crew were without food during this time and for three days had no water. They suffered also from intense cold. Capt. Williams and others of the crew, except young Anson, were badly frozen. On arrival at New Orleans all were taken to the Charity Hospital. Capt. Williams died from the effects of his experiences which included the amputation of one leg. In the spring the subject of this sketch returned to his home.

Soon afterward he again sailed with his brother as Captain. Continuing to follow the coast trade until 1861, when they entered the government transport service for the entire period of the civil war.

From 1865 to 1869 the brothers engaged in the grocery business under the firm name of L. Williams & Brother. Their store was located on the corner of Washington and Vine streets in the home city. Ten years later Aaron F. opened a store at 67 Center street, where he remained until 1904 when he sold to F. Wilber Brown.

Mr. Williams was twice married. An only daughter, Annie L., is a child of the first wife. She married Dr. E. E. Wheeler and it was to their home at West Paris that Mr. Williams went after the death of his second wife, and his retirement from the mercantile business.

He was a man of refined taste and much ability of character. Though of quiet manner and retiring disposition his general nature and sterling worth won many firm friends. Although not a church member, he was a regular attendant at church for many years. Expressing sympathetic interest in the Universalist church and contributing to its support. He was a member of Lincoln Lodge of Odd Fellows.

For several years he has been subject to severe attacks of high blood pressure but was about the home until a late hour Wednesday afternoon when he suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion.

Funeral services were held at the Wheeler home, Friday afternoon attended by his beloved friend, Rev. D. A. Hall.

On Saturday, Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler accompanied the body to Bath.

Adney R. Tuell returned Thursday from his trip to Waterville, where he was a guest at the New England telephone conference, also a visit with his son, William A. Tuell of Lewiston. Perhaps one of the greatest surprises he had was when attending a moving picture show, his picture with his Orpington hen appeared upon the canvas.

William F. Willis underwent a surgical operation at the Central Maine General Hospital last week, and is reported gaining.

The annual prize speaking contest of West Paris high school was held Friday evening. Grange Hall was filled with an appreciative audience, each contestant was worthy of much praise. First prize, gold medal, was won by Miss Marjorie McAllister, second prize, silver medal, by Paul Whitten, third prize, bronze medal, by Edna Whitman. Also a medal was presented Frank C. Packard, who won the championship for boys at the annual tennis tournament. Rev. L. W. Grundy offered prayer, Rev. D. A. Hall presented the gifts and pronounced the benediction. The judges were A. B. Park, Rev. A. T. McWhorter, Morton Rolster, all of South Paris. The gifts were made possible through the generosity of Frederick R. Penley, Edwin J. Mann, Dr. F. E. Wheeler and Lewis M. Mann.

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Painful eruptions are more active in spring when the blood is over-heated, the burning itching torture is unbearable, relieve it at once and heal the eruptions with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. This antiseptic remedy is promptly effective in all skin troubles. Pimples, blackheads, acne, fever, ring worm, scaly blotchy skin, all respond to Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Get it to day at your druggists, 25c. guaranteed.

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No Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.

Resolutions of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America:

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the National and State officials of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America in Washington, D. C., February 10th, 1917, that we are unitedly in favor of peace and that we urge upon President Wilson and upon Congress to do everything in their power to prevent war."

An overwhelming majority of the voters are opposed to war.

If those favoring war doubt this let them submit the question to a vote of the people. Demand of your Senators and Congressmen that there shall be no Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.

Remember, the disciples of peace do not reap the golden harvest of the advocates of war. A dollar now may have many dollars later on in taxation and possibly save a son. Help the group of people who are struggling in face of the tremendous opposition of the "United Interests." Help to save civilization from destruction.

MRS. J. SERGEANT GRAM  
(for the committee)

**"PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY PEACE FEDERATION,"**

Room 901, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The National Grange to Congressmen Warren Worth Bailey:  
Peach Bottom, Pa. Feb. 10, 1917.  
Hon. Warren Worth Bailey,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

With consummate courage and skill you have so far in these trying circumstances kept us free from war and we are confident that you will continue to strive for peace with honor. We send you this telegram to let you know that the metropolitan press in urging war is not representing the feelings of our people, who deplore the possibility of war at all, and certainly not until every peaceful alternative has been tried. Have sent a copy of this telegram to President Wilson.

Oliver Wilson,  
R. John Black,  
John A. McSparran,  
Legislative Committee National Grange.

Advertisement.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published, three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Charles A. Lucas late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.

George E. Farrar late of Hanover, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Harry G. Bryant, administrator.

Charles A. Lucas late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.

Moses M. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings or some other suitable person as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, sole heir.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,  
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:  
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation in and for the County of Oxford on the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Louise G. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings as executor thereof, he being named as such in the will, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, daughter and only heir.

ADDISON E. HERRICK,  
Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:  
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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Enoch B. Knapp late of Newry in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ORDELLA A. POSTER,  
February 26th, 1917.

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WEST PERU.

David Cheney and Alton Lovejoy loaded a car with wood for L. K. Lovejoy last Saturday at Dixfield station.

Ann Foster has returned home from her work at Bernard Putnam's in Dickvale.

Mrs. Aurilla Gowell is in poor health. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Ezra Staples.

New Century Persons Grange will meet with West Peru Grange, Mar. 14. Mildred Tracy is again working for L. K. Lovejoy.

Miss Nellie L. Tracy has returned home. She has been teaching school at South Woodstock.

Friends of Mrs. B. C. Putnam are pleased to hear she is now gaining. Hiram Washburn, Lowell Shaw, Gratian Gordon and son, Leslie, are all working for Newton Stowell at Dixfield.

Mrs. Hiram Washburn has returned home from her visit at West. Will Dixon visited at L. K. Lovejoy's and at R. S. Tracy's recently.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good natured because he is too lazy to take his own part.

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**"L. F."**  
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Keep in the house, for stomach ailments, bilious attacks, sick headaches, constipation and those little ills that so often make you, or your children, so uncomfortable. It is safe and sure, and always gives speedy relief.

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PORTLAND, MAINE.**

### LONDON & LANCASHIRE TIRE

INK CO. Ltd., Liverpool, England.  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate,	\$2,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	3,200.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	721,000.00
Agents' Balances,	72,000.00
Bills Receivable,	1,000.00
Interest and Rents,	50,000.00
All other Assets,	45,000.00
<b>Gross Assets,</b>	<b>\$1,170,000.00</b>
Deduct Items not admitted,	50,000.00
<b>Admitted Assets,</b>	<b>\$1,120,000.00</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$20,000.00
Unearned Premiums,	2,000,000.00
All other Liabilities,	70,000.00
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	2,000,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus,</b>	<b>\$2,290,000.00</b>

Deduct Items not admitted,  
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**Admitted Assets,**  
\$1,120,000.00

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses,  
\$20,000.00

Unearned Premiums,  
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All other Liabilities,  
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Cash Capital,  
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Surplus over all Liabilities,  
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**Total Liabilities and Surplus,**  
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Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses,  
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Unearned Premiums,  
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### POEMS WORTH READING

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**  
St. Patrick's day in the morning there,  
Twice many a year ago,  
I traveled a road to Donaghmore  
With a girl I used to know;  
And she had a ribbon in her hair  
As green as the emerald soil,  
And we tramped that way on gay a pair  
As ever the dear soil trod.

A bit of time to me ear is brought  
By a passing vagrant here,  
A bar from a time the ears once known  
In a land across the sea,  
It's the dear old "Wearing of the Green,"  
And it leads me far away;  
In mind and heart I'm in Erin's Isle,  
And it's morn, St. Patrick's day.

When old the day, in the deepening  
dusk,  
Once again we came that way,  
The path we trod was a glory road,  
E'en though the dark shadows lay  
Altogether the path, for love alone bright  
As stars in the blue o'erhead,  
We whispered o'er as we tripped along  
The words that the priest had said.

St. Patrick's day, and I'm far away  
From the Isle of emerald sheen,  
And many a year a dear grave there  
Has been wearing of the green,  
Ahl! 'tis here am I in freedom's land,  
Please God I'm here to stay,  
But me heart and soul go home each  
year  
For to spend St. Patrick's day.

—Arthur J. Bartlett

**JUST WAIT.**

Brush away that little sigh,  
Dress your lips in a smile;  
Spring is waiting up the sky,  
Wait till after while!  
Put away that rumpled brow,  
Let's forget the sorrow—  
Love has sent us word to start,  
Life begins tomorrow!

—Edna St. Vincent Millay

**EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY.**

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## WILLIAM TELL FLOUR



"Isn't this the best bread  
you ever tasted? Mother made  
it with WILLIAM TELL FLOUR"  
DAISY BAKER

### THE NATIONAL CAPITAL Events of Interest From Wash- ington.

By J. E. Jones.

#### STRANGE DAYS IN THE CAPITAL.

The men of the Government, in and out of Congress, have been discussing the probability of war, as such a thing has not occurred in the history of the country since the spring of 1914. There are plenty of opinions about the course that should be followed, but the air rings with echoes of movements looking toward preparations for war. As might be expected there are those who would plunge headlong into the gravest situations, while a larger number have been using every effort to keep the United States entirely out of the European conflict. Peace has been having a veritable boom, and Senator La Follette makes the statement that the issue was put squarely before the people of Wisconsin in the recent election, where, it is believed, ninety-nine per cent of the people are against war.

#### THE HOLIDAY ATTIRE.

While growing probabilities of war have loomed high, the Capital City has put on its prettiest trappings, and the "oldest inhabitant" cannot recall so much magnificence as was shown in the preliminary preparations for the inaugural. The stands at the Capitol, the regular towers of pillars and columns along the avenue, and the Court of Honor leading past the White House reviewing stand, far surpassed anything in previous years.

Four years ago thousands of Democrats came here from every part of the country to celebrate the victory of the party, and many of them also looked over the political jobs that were to be distributed. Their bright eyes and faces were moist this year, for the job of "four years more" could not be expected to the exhibition incident to "turning the reins over" and also, and attack the job was given. So, many of the patriots to remain at home.

#### THE SWEET OF PROHIBITION.

The National Capital has been voted "dry." Towards the last there was a good deal of talk about a referendum on the question, but Congress regarded such a course as dictatorial. This attitude was perhaps influenced largely by the fact that Washington people have made it quite clear that they were ready to leave the saloon go. There is perhaps less drinking in Washington than in most cities of 350,000, but the psychological effect of the National Capital going dry is looked upon as prohibition's greatest victory. There are some features of the bill that have been drafted in such a way as to leave the diplomats and other representatives of foreign countries unrestricted in the manner of conducting the social affairs of their establishments; but these matters are unimportant as affecting the general situation. Prohibition is to be a reality in Washington next fall, when the existing liquor license expires.

## W. J. WHEELER & CO. SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

Annual Statements of a Few of the Companies Represented.

PROVIDENCE WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.	U. S. BRANCH NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE OF LONDON & EDINBURGH, GREAT BRITAIN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate, \$100,000.00	Stocks and Bonds, \$8,207,476.29
Mortgage Loans, 65,000.00	Cash in Office and Bank, 581,582.65
Stocks and Bonds, 3,592,539.15	Agents' Balances, 899,288.92
Cash in Office and Bank, 607,178.29	Bills Receivable, 189.42
Agents' Balances, 820,378.11	Interest and Rents, 95,077.63
Bills Receivable, 11,963.49	All other Assets, 9,587.44
Interest and Rents, 15,486.80	
All other Assets, 1,082,658.85	
<b>Gross Assets, \$6,320,609.69</b>	<b>Gross Assets, \$10,087,003.71</b>
Deduct Items not admitted, 63,005.93	Deduct Items not admitted, 604,983.92
<b>Admitted Assets, \$6,256,613.73</b>	<b>Admitted Assets, \$9,482,019.79</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.
Net Unpaid Losses, 492,582.16	Net Unpaid Losses, \$795,409.16
Unearned Premiums, 2,804,581.03	Unearned Premiums, 4,899,405.57
All other Liabilities, 76,000.00	All other Liabilities, 177,052.91
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00	Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,611,051.07
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,456,500.84	
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,256,613.73</b>	<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$9,482,019.79</b>
<b>HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.</b>	<b>GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK.</b>
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.	Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate, \$715,577.83	Real Estate, \$1,750,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 435,000.00	Mortgage Loans, 26,150.00
Collateral Loans, 5,000.00	Collateral Loans, 260,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 23,759,819.69	Stocks and Bonds, 18,880,076.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 2,260,909.40	Cash in Office and Bank, 875,056.71
Agents' Balances, 3,046,421.28	Agents' Balances, 1,907,454.75
Bills Receivable, 12,485.72	Bills Receivable, 19,720.45
Interest and Rents, 273,503.28	Interest and Rents, 164,028.76
All other Assets, 65,052.37	All other Assets, 17,659.25
<b>Gross Assets, \$31,182,370.34</b>	<b>Gross Assets, \$23,841,046.52</b>
Deduct Items not admitted, 1,304,021.12	Deduct Items not admitted, 127,568.52
<b>Admitted Assets, \$29,878,349.21</b>	<b>Admitted Assets, \$23,713,477.99</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.	Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,297,768.30	Net Unpaid Losses, \$998,309.61
Unearned Premiums, 17,173,359.87	Unearned Premiums, 9,753,444.77
All other Liabilities, 1,025,000.00	All other Liabilities, 202,211.37
Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00	Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 7,893,226.14	Surplus over all Liabilities, 10,769,492.29
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,878,349.21</b>	<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$23,713,477.99</b>

### FOOD RIOTS.

Any industrial condition that makes for food riots, is necessarily of first importance at Washington. The President has already acted, and has ordered an investigation of food conditions, and it is proceeding under the joint direction of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice.

While the great prosperity of the country has been fairly advertised, a real analysis of it, seems to indicate that it is confined entirely to certain industries. Prosperity has been running wild among manufacturers; and in the financial centers; the middle classes, as a rule, have suffered great hardships, and even with meagre increases in their wages they have found difficulty in purchasing the simple necessities of life. Any legitimate advance in price will occasion no protest from the Federal Government, but fictitious advances, such as have taken place in the prices of many articles of food, are liable to bring trouble to the "house of the manipulator." The other day a Washington housewife went to market for a dozen eggs and a pound of butter. She had a dollar bill and the two purchases took all her money. Potatoes have jumped into the luxury class and most articles of food along down the line may be enumerated in like manner.

### "READJUSTMENT" AHEAD OF SCHEDULED TIME.

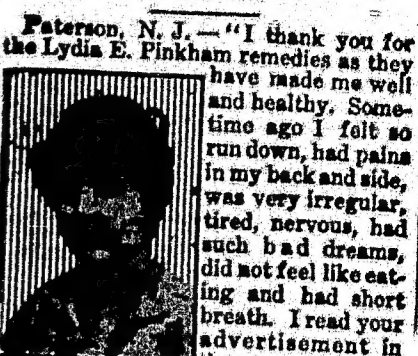
There seems to be a feeling that there is a reasonable cause for the advance in the cost of meats. For many years the meat supply has been rapidly decreasing, and even before the war the most serious apprehension was expressed in governmental and state reports, because the situation has been growing worse from year to year. Since the war, the exports of meat have been tremendous; and the supplies that heretofore reached us from Central and South America, have been largely devoted to the use of the allied armies. The readjustment of industrial conditions, which people have dreaded "after the war" has evident in arrived considerably ahead of time; and local officials everywhere are well prepared to meet the problems now confronting them.

The Government, as usual, has been slow to recognize the critical periods, which the people have had to face, and most of the remedies must be gradually worked out to meet emergency.

Food riots are recognized to be a near approach to revolution. The story that came from New York are of the gravest nature; and the facts in

## WOMAN NOW IN PERFECT HEALTH

What Came From Reading  
a Pinkham Ad-  
vertisement.



decided to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It worked from the first bottle, so I took a second and a third, also a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier, and now I am just as well as any other woman. I advise every woman, single or married, who is troubled with any of the above-said ailments, to try your wonderful Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier and I am sure they will help her to get rid of her troubles as they did me." Mrs. ELISE J. VAN DER SANDS, 36 No. York St., Paterson, N. J.

### HOW TO FEED YOUR CHICKENS.

By G. E. Conkey.

Some chicken raisers imagine the only important thing in feeding is what to feed. When to feed and how often to feed are, however, also extremely important in determining success. We will consider feeding, therefore, from all three angles.

When you consider what to feed, bear in mind that there are two distinct methods of feeding. One consists of the use of whole or cracked grains only; the other uses these in conjunction with a dry or wet mash.

### GRAIN AND MASH USED.

The grain and mash combination is used more than the other as this is by far the more successful, especially with laying hens. Up to a few years ago, wet mash was by far the more popular, but since the introduction of the dry mash hopper, the majority of commercial chicken farmers have turned to the dry mash. The reason for this is greater convenience, the saving of labor, and the elimination of contaminated food. Many poultrymen still insist that wet mash is better for egg production than dry, but wet mash is in many instances a danger to the health of the fowl. If you do use wet mash, be careful to see that the mixture is not wet or sloppy. The milk as an ingredient, preferably sour milk, as this gives the best results. Do not use more than once per day except in cases where you are fattening your birds. Buttermilk can now be purchased in dry form. It can be mixed with either the dry or the wet mash. It is convenient, sanitary, and possesses great digestive and food values.

### EQUAL QUANTITIES BEST.

It has been found that the best results are obtained when birds consume about two pounds of grain to one of mash. This would mean about equal quantities by measure where equal materials like bran or alfalfa are used. Table scraps can also be used to a very good advantage. They are taken to the feed bin and care should be taken never to feed the birds anything that is in anyway spoiled for disease and sickness will result.

### FEEDING VALUES.

Ordinarily, fowls are fed three times per day but this will vary with the food used. Where a dry mash is fed the birds are contented. Feed the whole and cracked grains once a day. Give a smaller quantity twice a day. Feed more often if you wish to keep them active. This is to be recommended where the litter on the floor is not very deep.

If the wet mash is fed as the even long meal, give the birds all three a day. In the daytime, however, nothing over a half feed will cause activity and will prove harmful. Underfeeding is much more dangerous than overfeeding. Birds will not produce the desired number of eggs unless fed properly and the young chicks will not thrive if they are underfed. While there is little danger of overfeeding with the proper system in use, the hen that takes on fat from overfeeding, does not lay, and has no place in a flock kept for that purpose.

### GRIT AND SHELL NEEDED.

Both grit and shell are of prime importance to both old and young chicks. Birds do not grind their food with their oyster shells and must always have grit regardless of what else is given. Also remember that the oyster shell does not take the place of the charcoal, and neither does the charcoal take the place of the oyster shell. When the powdered form of charcoal is not used in the mash, it is advisable to have it properly cracked in the cage.

WHY NOT BUY IT IN MAINE?

Assets,	\$3,397,476.29
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## HOW TO FEED YOUR CHICKENS.

By G. E. Conkey.

Some chicken raisers imagine the only important thing in feeding is what to feed. When to feed and how often to feed are, however, also extremely important in determining success. We will consider feeding, therefore, from all three angles.

When you consider what to feed, bear in mind that there are two distinct methods of feeding. One consists of the use of whole or cracked grains only; the other uses these in conjunction with a dry or wet mash.

**GRAIN AND MASH USED.**  
The grain and mash combination is used more than the other as this is by far the more successful, especially with laying hens. Up to a few years ago, wet mash was by far the more popular, but since the introduction of the dry mash hopper, the majority of commercial chicken farmers have turned to the dry mash. The reason for this is greater convenience, the saving of labor, and the elimination of contaminated food. Many poultrymen still insist that wet mash is better for egg production than dry, but wet mash is in many instances a danger to the health of the fowl. If you use wet mash, be careful to see that the mixture is not wet or sloppy. The milk as an ingredient, preferably sour milk, as this gives the best results. Do not use more than once per day except in cases where you are fattening your birds. Buttermilk can now be purchased in dry form. It can be mixed with either the dry or the wet mash. It is convenient, sanitary, and possesses great digestive and food values.

**EQUAL QUANTITIES BEST.**  
It has been found that the best results are obtained when birds consume about two pounds of grain to one of mash. This would mean about equal quantities by measure where the materials like bran or alfalfa are used. Table scraps can also be used to a very good advantage. They add variety to the feed but care should be taken never to feed the birds anything that is in any way spoiled for disease and sickness will result.

**FEEDING VARIETY.**  
Ordinarily, fowls are fed three times per day but this will vary with the food used. Where a dry mash is fed, feed the birds constantly. Feed the whole and cracked grains once a day. Give a smaller quantity of table scraps often if you wish to keep them active. This is to be recommended where the litter on the floor is not very deep.

If the wet mash is fed as the evening meal, give the birds all their feed at once. In the daytime, however, something over a half feed will cause activity and will prove beneficial. Underfeeding is much more dangerous than overfeeding. Birds will not produce the desired number of eggs unless fed properly and the young chicks will not thrive if they are underfed. While there is little danger of overfeeding with the proper system of use, the hen that takes on fat from overfeeding, does not lay, and has no chance in a stock kept for that purpose.

**GRIT AND SHELL ARE NECESSARY.**  
Both grit and shell are of prime importance to both old and young chicks. Birds do not grind their food with their oyster shells and must always have grit regardless of what else is given. Also remember that the oyster shell does not take the place of the charcoal, but neither does the charcoal take the place of the oyster shell. When the powdered form of charcoal is not used in the mash, it is advisable to have it properly cracked in the

hoppers where the chickens can easily secure it. Good clean, fresh water must always be kept in front of the birds. It should be kept in a cool place in the winter and in a warm place in the summer. Protect it from dirt and dirt. Filth and dirt should have no place in the poultry house.

**AUTOMATIC FEEDERS.**  
Many chicken raisers are getting excellent results from the automatic feeders, of which there are many on the market. These are operated by the birds themselves and eliminates all danger of underfeeding. While in some instances they have not given perfect satisfaction, they have proven of great value with the more active breeds.

**BIRDS MUST EXERCISE.**  
Exercise is as necessary as food, and fowls cannot get along properly without it. They will not consume the necessary amount of food, as they naturally will not assimilate it unless they have constant exercise. It is a good rule to feed all the whole or cracked grain in a deep litter, perhaps making an exception in the hottest weather where the houses may get too warm for comfort or where birds are on range during the summer season. "Make them work for their living" is a slogan that will pay every poultryman.

**WATCH FOR LICE.**  
Remember also, that food will do your fowls but little good if they are troubled with lice. All your efforts will be wasted if the lice have their way. Watch for them and give battle at every turn. It is time and money well expended.

**FEEDING FOR BREEDING.**  
In concluding these remarks on feeding we might add that stock to be used for breeding should not be forced for rapid growth or egg production, but allowed to develop more slowly. Bulkier fowls with a lessened amount of concentrated protein should insure more vigor in the progeny.

## GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

A summary of the March crop for the state of Maine, and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

### MAINE.

Wheat on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 40,000 bushels, compared with 39,000 a year ago and 24,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$— per bushel, compared with \$— a year ago and \$— two years ago.

Corn on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 61,000 bushels, compared with 79,000 a year ago and 125,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$1.53 per bushel, compared with 90 cents a year ago and 80 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchants Quality—The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 75 per cent, compared with 70 per cent of the 1915 crop and 71 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 1,710,000 bushels, compared with 2,430,000 a year ago and 1,960,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers 81 cents per bushel, compared with 55 cents a year ago and 60 cents two years ago.

Barley on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 37,000 bushels, compared with 23,000 a year ago and 58,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, 97 cents per bushel, compared with 90 cents a year ago and 80 cents two years ago.

### UNITED STATES.

Wheat on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 1,160,000 bushels, compared with 2,140,000 a year ago and 1,520,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$1.04 per bushel, compared with \$1.03 a year ago and \$1.24 two years ago.

Corn on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 749,000 bushels, compared with 1,110,000 a year ago and 910,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$1.14 per bushel, compared with 82 cents a year ago and 73 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchants Quality—The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 81.9 per cent, compared with 71.1 per cent of the 1915 crop and 81.5 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 594,000,000 bushels, compared with 584,149,000 a year ago and 528,500,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers 54.9 cents per bushel, compared with 42.7 cents a year ago and 53.1 cents two years ago.

Barley on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 32,500,000 bushels, compared with 55,901,000 a year ago and 43,000,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$2.8 cents per bushel, compared with \$2.8 cents a year ago and \$2.7 cents two years ago.

## PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE by ETHEL HUESTON ILLUSTRATED BY W. C. TANNER

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**SYNOPSIS.**  
CHAPTER I—Prudence Starr, eldest of five daughters, comes to the parsonage for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. One of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and the twins practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV—The twins prepare Communion for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V—When Fairy entertains Eugene Babler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that etiquette has small place in the Starr family table.

### CHAPTER VI.

**Practicing Economy.**  
It was a dull day early in December. Prudence and Fairy were sewing in the bay window of the sitting room.

"We must be sure to have all the scraps out of the way before Connie gets home," said Prudence, carefully fitting together pieces of a dark, warm, furry material. "It has been so long since father wore this coat, I am sure she will not recognize it."

"But she will ask where we got it, and what shall we say?"

"We must tell her it is goods we have had in the house for a long time. That is true. And I made this fudge on purpose to distract her attention. Poor child!" she added very sympathetically. "Her heart is just set on a brand-new coat. I know she will be bitterly disappointed. If the members would just pay up we could get her one. November and December are such hard months for parsonage people. Every one is getting ready for Christmas now, and forgets that parsonage people need Christmas money, too."

Fairy took a pin from her mouth. "I have honestly been ashamed of Connie the last few Sundays. It was so cold, and she wore only that little thin summer jacket. She must have been half frozen."

"Oh, I had her dressed warmly underneath, very warmly indeed," declared Prudence. "But no matter how warm you are underneath, you look cold if you aren't visibly prepared for winter weather. I kept hoping enough money would come in to buy her a coat for once in her life."

"She has been looking forward to one long enough," put in Fairy. "This will be a bitter blow to her. And yet it is not such a bad-looking coat, after all. And she quickly ran up a seam on the machine."

"Here comes Connie!" Prudence hastily swept a pile of scraps out of sight, and turned to greet her little sister with a cheery smile. "Come on in, Connie," she cried, "and with a brightness she did not feel. 'Fairy and I are making you a new coat. Isn't it pretty? And so warm! See the nice velvet collar and cuffs. We want to fit you on right away, dear.'"

Connie picked up a piece of the goods and examined it intently. "Don't you want some fudge, Connie?" exclaimed Fairy, shoving the dish toward her hurriedly.

Connie took a piece from the plate, and thrust it between her teeth. Her eyes were still fastened upon the brown furry cloth.

"Where did you get this stuff?" she inquired, as soon as she was able to speak.

"Out of the trunk in the parer, Connie. Don't you want some more fudge? I put a lot of nuts in, especially on your account."

"It's good," said Connie, taking another piece. She examined the cloth very closely. "Say, Prudence, isn't this that old brown coat of father's?"

Fairy shoved her chair back from the table, and ran to the window. "Look, Prudence," she cried. "Isn't that Mrs. Adams coming this way? I wonder."

"No, it isn't," answered Connie gravely. "It's just Miss Avery getting home from school. Isn't it, Prudence? Father's coat, I mean?"

"Yes, Connie, it is," said Prudence, very, very gravely. "But no one here has seen it, and it is such nice cloth—just exactly what girls are wearing now."

"But I wanted a new coat!" Connie did not cry. She stood looking at Prudence with her wide hurt eyes. "Oh, Connie, I'm just as sorry as you are," cried Prudence, with starting tears. "I know just how you feel about it! But the people didn't pay father up last month. Maybe after Christmas we can get you a coat. They pay up better then."

"I think I'd rather wear my summer coat until then," said Connie soberly. "Oh, but you can't, dear. It is too cold. Won't you be a good girl now, and not make sister feel badly about it? It really is becoming to you, and it is nice and warm. Take some more fudge, dear, and run out-of-doors a while. You'll feel better about it presently, I'm sure."

Connie stood solemnly beside the



Prudence Dropped Her Head on the Table and Wept.

bers just know how such things hurt, maybe they'd pay up a little better. How do they expect parsonage people to keep up appearances when they haven't any money?"

"Oh, now, Prudence, you're worse than Connie! There's no use to cry about it. Parsonage people have to find happiness in spite of financial misery. Money isn't the first thing with folks like us."

"Poor little Connie! If she had cried about it, I wouldn't have cared so much. But she looked so—heart-broken, didn't she, Fairy?"

Connie certainly was heart-broken. More than that, she was a little disgruntled. She felt herself aroused to take action. Things had gone too far! Go to church in her father's coat she could not! She walked sturdily down the street toward the city—ironically so called. Her face was stony, her hands were clenched. But finally she brightened. Her lagging steps quickened. She slipped along quite cheerfully. She turned westward as she reached the corner of the square, and walking along that business street with shining eyes in front of the First National bank she paused, but after a few seconds she passed by. On the opposite corner was another bank. When she reached it, she walked in without pausing, and the massive door swung behind her.

The four older girls were at the table when Connie came home. She exclaimed satisfaction from every pore. Prudence glanced at her once, and then looked away again. "She has recognized herself," she thought. Dinner was half over before Constance burst her bomb.

"Are you going to be busy this afternoon, Prudence?" she asked quietly.

"We are going to sew a little," said Prudence. "Why?"

"I wanted you to go downtown with me after school."

"Well, perhaps I can do that. Fairy will be able to finish the coat alone."

"You needn't finish the coat—I can't wear father's coat to church, Prudence. It's a—physical impossibility."

The twins laughed, Fairy smiled, but Prudence gazed at "the baby" with tender pity.

"I'm so sorry, dear, but we haven't the money to buy one now."

"Will five dollars be enough?" inquired Connie, and she placed a crisp new bill beside her plate. The twins gasped. They gazed at Connie with new respect. They were just wishing they could handle five-dollar bills so recklessly.

"Will you loan me twenty dollars until after Christmas, Connie?" queried Fairy.

But Prudence asked, "Where did you get this money, Connie?"

"I borrowed it—from the bank," Connie replied with proper gravity. "I have two years to pay it back. Mr. Harold says they are proud to have my trade."

Prudence was silent for several long seconds. Then she inquired in a low voice, "Did you tell him why you wanted it?"

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"Yes, I explained the whole situation."

"What did he say?"

"He said he knew just how I felt, because he knew he couldn't go to church in his wife's coat—No, I said that myself, but he agreed with me. He did not say very much, but he looked sympathetic. He said he anticipated great pleasure in seeing me in my new coat at church next Sunday."

"Go on with your luncheon, twins," said Prudence sternly. "You'll be late to school. We'll see about going down town when you get home tonight, Connie. Now, eat your luncheon, and don't talk about coats any more."

When Connie had gone back to school, Prudence went straight to Mr. Harold's back. Flushed and embarrassed, she explained the situation frankly. "My sympathies are all with Connie," she said candidly. "But I am afraid father would not like it. We are dead set against borrowing. After our mother was taken, we were crowded pretty close for money. So we had to go in debt. It took us two years to get it paid. Father and Fairy and I talked it over then, and decided we would starve rather than borrow again. Even the twins understood it, but Connie was too little. She doesn't know how heartbreaking it is to keep handing over every cent for debt, when one is just yearning for other things. I do wish she might have the coat, but I'm afraid father would not like it. She gave me the five dollars for safekeeping, and I have brought it back."

Mr. Harold shook his head. "No, Connie must have her coat. This will be a good lesson for her. It will teach her the bitterness of living under debt. Prudence, I think in my heart that she is right this time. This is a case where borrowing is justified. Get her the coat, and I'll square the account with your father." Then he added, "And I'll look after this salary business after this. I'll arrange with the trustees that I am to pay your father his full salary the first of every month, and that the church receipts here to be turned in to me. And if they do not pay up, my lawyer can do a little investigating! Little Connie earned that five dollars, for she taught one trustee a sorry lesson. And he will have to pass it on to the others in self-defense! Now, run along and get the coat, and if five dollars isn't enough you can have as much more as you need. Your father will get his salary after this, my dear, if we have to mortgage the parsonage!"

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